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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and California. In Boston, prices were higher on all sizes. In most other regions, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to good and was best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies of white eggs were adequate to at times close and brown eggs continue to become slightly more available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate and demand was light to moderate. Light type fowl were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on extra large, unchanged to 4 cents higher on large, and unchanged to 2 cents higher on medium based on previous week average prices. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, best where featured. White egg supplies were adequate to at times close and browns were slightly more available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good, best into planned feature activity. Supplies were adequate to at times close.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were up 2 cents for medium and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 1 cent for medium and were not changed for large or small. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was mostly fair, best into planned and ongoing feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate and breakers with excess heavy nest runs were moving additional product to outside sources. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to mostly fully adequate of current production needs. Trade sentiment generally steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for larger sizes unchanged, mediums increased 1 cent. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand mixed and ranged from light to good, best where limited features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices were slightly higher for mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate to at times close for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 26, 2001 was 68.40 cents, unchanged from last week, but 16.58 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were adequate and demand was light. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for needs.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 7% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings about adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	121-123	111-113	81-83
New York	73-75	70-73	66-69
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	62-66
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	60-61
Jackson (1)	72-73	71-72	69-70
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-83	67-81	61-75
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	55-60
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	50-53
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-65	58-63	51-57
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	54-61
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	76-80	75-77	69-72
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	91	87
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light to adequate. Small invoice price 67. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 139, 18 pack 179, buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	112		
EXTRA LARGE	99		
LARGE	91		
MEDIUM	87		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	209-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-239
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 02, 2001 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 26, 2001 were 282,813 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	251,546	31,267	282,813

% change from the prior week..... -1 +7 -0  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices continue unchanged. Demand was light to moderate and breakers with excess heavy nest runs were moving additional product to outside sources. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced to mostly fully adequate of current production needs. Trade sentiment generally steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-38	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-23	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** The average price for spent heavy hens was slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of raw materials. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-11	8-9	8.65

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.5	6.5-9.5	8.09

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT  
\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Jan 29,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	21.2	6.8	11.9	10.9	60.1
	Change	-0.3	3.8	1.1	0.4	1.3	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.4	51.4	9.4	28.3	23.6	138.1
	Change	0.8	-1.1	0.5	3.4	4.3	6%
Large	Curr Wk	41.0	100.7	36.3	70.0	90.2	338.2
	Change	-1.4	0.2	-8.4	7.6	6.3	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.3	26.2	12.9	19.1	18.6	90.1
	Change	2.5	-0.6	-3.2	1.7	0.3	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	5.2	2.9	4.7	7.1	24.1
	Change	-1.7	-0.1	-1.3	-0.9	1.8	-8%
Misc	Curr Wk	12.9	14.9	5.6	13.1	4.4	50.9
	Change	6.9	-3.1	-2.1	4.1	-0.2	12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.4	58.2	20.2	30.8	34.5	174.1
	Change	-9.4	1.5	-0.3	3.7	-0.8	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	136.5	277.8	94.1	177.9	189.3	875.6
Percent	Change	-2%	0%	-13%	13%	7%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	875.6	2%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	395.0	3%	39

Total Shell Egg 1270.6 2% 209  
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	5-AREA PACIFIC	SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	139.1	277.2	107.8	157.9	176.3
					858.3

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 16, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 26, 2001**CURRENT LOADS** 23.50**FUTURE LOADS** 26.75**TOTAL LOADS** 50.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	45.00	48.33	44.00	47.00	44.00	47.00	20.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	56.00	3.00		
GNR W 2	—	47.00	42.00	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	58.00	2.00		
GL W XL	—	53.25	—	55.00	47.88	—	6.00	GL W LG	—	53.00	—	65.00	63.00	65.00	4.75		
GL W LG	—	—	52.17	53.50	50.86	—	8.00	GL W MD	—	48.00	—	—	59.00	61.00	1.50		
GL W MD	—	48.00	49.00	51.00	45.00	—	2.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	46.00	48.00	.25		
GL W SM	—	—	31.25	32.50	—	—	2.00										
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50										
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	4.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/22/01-01/26/01**CURRENT LOADS** 127.75**FUTURE LOADS** 65.25**TOTAL LOADS** 193.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	43.29	49.33	44.25	46.38	48.40	47.00	57.00		GNR W 1	—	48.43	—	—	—	—	—	56.00	16.00	
GNR W 2	—	45.33	42.00	—	41.50	—	4.00		GNR W 3	—	45.56	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	38.67	39.50	44.00	—	8.00		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	—	22.50	24.00	—	—	1.00		GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	—	65.90	5.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	76.50	78.00	—	—	2.00		GL W XL	47.50	53.50	—	—	—	—	62.50	10.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.75	—	4.00		GL W LG	45.83	53.24	—	65.00	63.00	58.74	28.50			
GL W XL	—	55.67	52.00	54.75	50.18	—	18.50		GL W MD	44.50	46.77	—	—	59.00	53.19	11.00			
GL W LG	—	55.64	51.42	53.18	49.08	—	38.25		GL W SM	—	—	—	—	46.00	48.00	.25			
GL W MD	—	49.67	44.75	50.50	43.67	48.00	18.75												
GL W SM	28.00	29.50	30.42	31.75	27.00	29.50	5.00												
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50												
GL BR LG	—	—	—	91.00	86.00	—	1.75												
GL BR MD	—	—	63.00	65.00	—	—	.50												
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	37.00	10.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	—	4.25												

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/14/01 - 01/20/01****Origin**

State	CA	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	1,320	0	0	0	0	814	0	0	0	774	2,908
C. CA	0	0	0	0	124	840	0	0	0	0	4,538	576	0	6,078
S. CA	800	3,732	850	19,198	0	11,271	3,376	1,670	0	800	7,118	760	3,194	52,769
TOTAL STATE	800	3,732	850	20,518	124	12,111	3,376	1,670	814	800	11,656	1,336	3,968	61,755

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	132-135
EXTRA LARGE	102-105
LARGE	92-95
MEDIUM	62-65
SMALL	21-24

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	66-69
EXTRA LARGE	57-63
LARGE	55-60
MEDIUM	48-53
SMALL	30-34

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>
LARGE	40-42
MEDIUM	34-36
SMALL	13-15

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	79.27
LARGE	78.27
MEDIUM	74.76
SMALL	52.27

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

<b>ON HAND</b>	<u>01/22/01</u>	<u>01/15/01</u>	<u>01/24/00</u>
PACIFIC COAST	163	134	76
LOS ANGELES	123	92	0

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***  
**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**  
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